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Applicant: GUENTER JOKSCHAS ET AL.
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Title: FILTER WITH ANNULARLY CONSTRUCTED FILTER MEDIUM

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002 in the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A filter comprising a filter housing with an inlet and an outlet for a fluid to be filtered, a filter cartridge arranged in said housing so that fluid from said inlet must flow through said filter cartridge to reach said outlet, and an additional functional part; said filter cartridge comprising an annularly constructed filter medium arranged between two axial end plates, and wherein said filter medium of said filter cartridge is provided with a lateral recess for accommodating said additional functional part of said filter, and said additional functional part comprises a probe of a water level sensor or a suction tube of a liquid discharge.

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